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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending last Saturday was

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copies, the largest circulation of any daily paper in Vermont outside of Burlington.

Hoosac tunnel makes a poor tomb.

Truly it is the 22nd of February.

It is safe to say that George Washington would find a better country today than the one he left.

The blizzard came from the southwest and the northwest, and it had all the distinguishing earmarks of each.

"My hat is in the ring," said Roosevelt. Has that anything to do with "throwing up the sponge," we should like to inquire.

Roosevelt's talk to the Ohio constitutional convention yesterday was just a preliminary to that answer to the eight governors, yes or no.

It is all right for the Central Vermont to put on another night train on the main line if there is truck enough to hold more than at present.

Some sticklers for health have told us that death lurks in the coffee-pot; but they didn't have in mind the sputtering bomb in the coffee-pot found on a New York piazza the other day.

It looks like scattering the shot to pay one hundred Rutland county farmers for assisting in the search for the alleged assailant of a Sudbury school teacher last summer. It makes a profitable industry for the farmers in an off time of the year for farming.

Houston's big fire was notable in the fact that no lives were lost. Indeed, it is remarkable that a five-million loss, largely on cottages, should have been sustained in the night time without the sacrifice of a single life out of the thousands who occupied the buildings. It is the one good feature of a bad case.

As yet, no one has recommended a coat of mail and a helmet to match for New York people who walk their streets after dark; but nevertheless such armament would not be unreasonable in view of the thugery which has been going on there so boldly. And an enterprising merchant who should set up a store for those wares next door to the Grand Central station, so we could make immediate purchase, might do a thriving business.

Frederick A. Cook, arctic explorer, self-announced discoverer of the north pole and now lecturer to the remainder of us mortals who haven't the nerve or the inclination to go up to see if he was right or wrong, is having a rather poor reception in Vermont, his Bennington date being canceled for supposed lack of patronage, Rutland giving him an audience of less than one hundred people, and now St. Johnsbury people urged to withhold patronage by local press. But it will take more than these reverses and discouragements to drive Cook off the platform, we are convinced.

We cannot see that because Major-General Ainsworth, who was recently retired from the United States army to avoid serious controversy with the war department, was a Vermonter that the incident furnishes any disgrace to Vermont, as some newspapers intimate. As a matter of fact, the situation throws no reflection on the state at all. Were Major-General Ainsworth even proven in the wrong after a hearing, it would not react on the state of his birth. What is true, however, is that our pride as Vermonters has been wounded by the fact that one of the sons of the state should have become involved in an embroglio with his superiors; but there is a vast difference between that and the allegation that Major-General Ainsworth, right or wrong, has caused the good name of the state to suffer in the least. Indeed, there is no connection between the retired officer's alleged lack of deference to superior officers and Vermont's fair name.

## LOOK AFTER YOUR ELECTRIC WIRING.

According to the Northfield News, a stonished fire was started there the other night in the same manner as the fire which caused the entire destruction of the Pelagii plant some weeks ago; and the cause was defective wiring. Only the fact that the fire broke out at a time when persons were about saved Northfield from a second serious blow in the same winter, just as Montpelier suffered a short time ago. In the case of the latter stonished fire, there has, we believe, been no satisfactory solution of the cause; but it is possible, perhaps probable, that one or more was caused by the same defective wiring. At any rate, in the case of the most recent fire, the trouble was due to crossed wires in the building.

Such being the case, it behooves Barre granite manufacturers, now that the subject of better fire protection is some-

what prominent, to take this matter in hand and see that there is no likelihood of fires from similar causes in their properties. They would do well not to take it for granted that the wiring in their plants is such as to prevent fire breaking out; even allowing that the wiring was done in the first place by a competent and careful workman, it is very easy for defects to develop either through crossing of wires, wearing of insulation or contact between wires and woodwork. They ought to see to it now that the wires are in satisfactory shape; and what is more, they ought to have more frequent inspections to see that everything is safe. We suppose that the companies which place insurance on the granite plants conduct their examinations there just as they do in the business blocks; but if they do follow that practice it would seem that the inspections are not frequent enough to avert all danger, else a fire would not have broken out in a Northfield stonished the other evening. So manufacturers might well take a hand in the matter and authorize investigations of the wiring by local mechanics. Such a precaution will be every bit as valuable as increased fire department equipment.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## More Baker Discussion.

Editor, Barre Times: In reply to C. Canepa, the baker employed by P. D. Molla, we wish to state that said E. Canepa has been given a dozen chances to transfer his card from New York to the local which has jurisdiction here, namely local 153. We have tried in every possible way to have him affiliate with the rest of the Italian and English-speaking bakers, but all to no purpose. And when finally a member of our union was discharged from P. D. Molla and E. Canepa retained, we felt we had received unfair treatment and resolved to leave P. D. Molla and his employee alone, or at least until such time as the rights of our organization are recognized.

Sincerely yours,  
James McDonald, secretary, local 153.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Lyndon Institute Congratulated.

Lyndon institute is to be congratulated on securing as its principal, O. D. Mathewson, of Barre, a man of large ability and wide experience, who may be expected to make the school one of the best in the state.—Montpelier Journal.

## For State Treasurer.

The Messenger has no reason to doubt the probability that State Treasurer Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier will be renominated by the Republican state convention next June. It is true that another candidate, former Senator Walter F. Scott of Brandon, has been suggested by friends and that, were conditions favorable, from the viewpoint of political expediency, it is not to be doubted that Mr. Scott could command a splendid support all over the state. Just at this time, however, the impression appears to prevail that Mr. Deavitt is entitled to another term, under the custom of the party and with the approval of public sentiment. And The Messenger, for one, sincerely hopes he will get it.—St. Albans Messenger.

## Gov. Foss' Message.

Whatever else may be said about Gov. Foss' message to the legislature disapproving of the appropriations called by the Massachusetts agricultural college at Amherst, there is no doubt of its being a great shock to the farmers who voted for the governor at the last election because of his declaration that enough money was not being spent by the state to advance their interests. Plenty of Republicans were moved by this attitude of the executive to help bring about his re-election. The agricultural college has been more and more devoting its energies to carrying the expert knowledge of its faculty into direct contact with the farmers. More than ever before in its history is it therefore a distinctly agricultural institution. Because of these things the message of his excellency comes as a clap out of a clear sky—but it is quite too late to recall those votes of last fall.—Springfield Republican.

## A Parcels Post.

A parcels post appears to be one of the things likely to be bestowed on this country in the near future, and the probable effect of it is getting considerable attention at the hands of the country merchant.

Whether it is to take the form of a general parcels post, or a partial scheme of that sort, remains to be seen.

Most of the merchants in this vicinity believe a general parcels post would work decided hardships on the country merchants and drive some of them out of business.

While many of the statesmen at Washington favor some kind of parcels post, some of them look upon a general post as likely to bankrupt the national treasury, but there is a difference of opinion among them as regards its effect upon the country merchant.

It is possible that those who fear the effect of a parcels post upon the country storekeeper and believe it means the gradual decadence of his business are drawing unduly upon their imagination and are "seeing things"; and it is possible too that even so radical a change in the delivery system would not work the hardship feared, because great changes do not always prove as detrimental to public interests as they sometimes threaten to.

But the Tribune is inclined to believe that a general parcels post, while conferring some benefit upon the buying public, would prove hurtful to the country merchant, and that if congress is determined to try the parcels post experiment, the statesmen who compose that body and who represent in so large degree localities where the country merchant flourishes and is an important factor in the community, should see to it that his interests are conserved to a reasonable degree.—Ludlow Tribune.

## Too Much Loose Talk.

If anybody wants something like a practical and more or less common illustration of one of the many reasons why our American idea of government has not yet worked itself out toward a

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critics, let him read this news dispatch

published in the morning papers:

"Washington, Feb. 20.—Former President Roosevelt as a witness in the Ray case was one of the possibilities developed to-day in the investigation which the House committee on expenditures in the war department is making into the charges which have been made against Maj. Beecher Ray, an army paymaster. The committee has also decided to subpoena Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, a brother of President Taft.

"I favor calling Theodore Roosevelt and everyone who has had anything to do with the retention of Major Ray in the United States army," declared Representative Diefenderfer of Pennsylvania, a member of the committee.

"We ought to know if Mr. Roosevelt used the same tactics in this case that he did in fomenting the Panama revolution. The Ray case has developed since the committee began to delve into it, a series of circumstances which should be probed to the very bottom.

"On the face of such evidence as we have already before us there is apparent a condition in the army that calls for thorough investigation. This committee intends to go to the very bottom, whether it be chief of staff or the president of the United States."

If a judge charged with the decision of a case pending before his bench did all this kind of loose talking before or during the hearing, we should be glad enough to invoke the "recall" for his special benefit. Yet a congressman sitting in a similar capacity can chatter like a parrot and get headlines in a newspaper in consequence, and there is no talk of "recall."

We need not lose faith in the great experiment in government we are undertaking here in America if we admit to ourselves now and then that it has yet to overcome many weaknesses, the weaknesses more or less essentially characteristic of a democracy, one of which is that lured by newspaper notoriety, our statesmen "talk too much."—St. Albans Messenger.

## Montpelier Urged To Vote "No."

The time is approaching when the citizens of Montpelier once more will be called upon to determine whether they will or will not authorize the sale of intoxicating liquor during the next year. At the annual city meeting last year, by a very narrow margin, the city voted to license the sale of liquor. The experiences of the past year are still fresh in the minds of the people. They know whether the contest over the awarding of licenses was satisfactory and creditable to the city, or otherwise. They know whether the city has been better or worse as a result of the license vote.

It does not require a very close observer to note that the controversy over the awarding of licenses last spring was distinctly demoralizing. It would not be a difficult matter to name individuals who have gone to the devil the past year as a direct result of the license vote, men who have fallen because of the temptation afforded by the open saloon. Our police records as usual, show a large increase in the arrests for drunkenness when compared with no license period.

As this paper has argued before, so it maintains again, that there is a considerable element of our population which will patronize saloons when they are open for business which will not take the trouble to hunt up some illegal joint or send away for a consignment of liquors. This element will remain comparatively sober under no license, and as a result, the city will be more orderly and there will be more money available for the payment of the grocer and the butcher.

This paper believes that the local option law is a good temperance measure. Every year it puts the citizens of every municipality upon their mettle to determine a very important question: While it may be true that in large cities a no license regime would not be in the interest of temperance, owing to the extreme difficulty of enforcing the law, it has been demonstrated that in a small city like Montpelier there is greater quietness and sobriety when the city votes "no."

Doubtless some liquor will be sold illegally if no license is voted. There are those who say that such a condition of affairs has prevailed under license. We must judge in such matters by the general effect upon municipal conditions, and it seems to this paper that Montpelier is a cleaner, a safer, a more decent city when no license rather than license prevails. For that reason The Journal urges that the city be put into the "no" column once more.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that the city will give a substantial "no" majority at the March election. It is not safe, however, to permit the election to go by default. There are always those who are ready to work for license. The no license people will do well not to relax their efforts this year because the outlook seems more favorable than it did last year. Our confidence has lost many elections and it may lose this contest if indulged in to any great extent.—Montpelier Journal.

## JINGLES AND JESTS

## The Nervous Patient.

"You should take an ice-cold plunge every morning," said the physician.  
"But, doctor, I have insomnia."  
"The ice-cold plunge will help to cure it."  
"No, it won't. I'll lie awake all night dreading it."—Washington Star.

## Amended.

I think as I read of that old oaken bucket  
How hard it would be to maintain one to-day.

There'd have to be one for each member of the family.  
And that, you'll admit, seems unlikely to pay.  
With parents and children, an old-fashioned dozen,  
With guests that were frequent and thirsty as well,  
'Twould cost like the deuce to have separate buckets—  
Individual buckets would crowd the old well.

Go home that old bucket, the half-public bucket—  
Individual buckets should hang in the well.

El. Bok says the vessel that's common's a menace,  
And most legislatures have said he was right.  
According to that (what a fool, that old poet!),  
The old oaken bucket was surely a fright.

But think of a well with a curb fairly covered  
With buckets each labelled "Pa,"  
"Henry" or "Nell."  
Folk nowadays dare not drink after each other.

And separate buckets should hang in the well.

The old oaken buckets, the numerous buckets—  
Individual buckets must hang in the well.

—Satire.

## Burglary.

Miss Vocolo—I'm never happy unless I'm breaking into song.

Bright Young Man—Why don't you get the key and you won't have to break in?—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## We Doubt This.

Policeman (to lady who sat on his silk hat)—I hope you have not hurt yourself, madam!—Satire.

## A Great Lincoln Poem.

"Of the people, by the people, for the people," by Wilbur D. Nesbitt.  
"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—they ain't just the words he said,  
But the sense is there of the thought he had when he honored the country's dead.

"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—with the old flag swingin' high  
With its stripes o' red like a sacred flame  
That was blazin' in the sky.  
He said it like one that waited the dawn in a starless night;  
It was born of trust in a nation's truth—  
an' I wonder if Abe was right.

"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—an' who is it pulls the strings  
Till we walk in line to the ballot-box like a parcel o' well-trained things?  
Why do we shudder at badness that's done in some other place  
While we shut our eyes to the wrongs we know are a-livin' before our face?  
"A government of the people"—he trusted in manhood's might,  
But when honors are sold in the marketplace, I wonder if Abe was right.

"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—Go tell 'em that I hope you've got a child that is tootin' hard for somebody's gain, an' has never played nor smiled!  
Tell it to them that wonders where they will find bread an' meat,  
An' tell it to them that struggles on with wearin' hands an' feet,  
It's them that is sellin' suffrage that's barrin' them from the light,  
An' when people can smile at a grafter's guile, I wonder if Abe was right.

"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—O brother, clinch hands with me,  
For the land is ours from palm to pine and from mighty sea to sea!  
It's by us an' for us, brother—the evil, the wrong, the shame;  
It's men like us that is guilty, too, an' we have our burnin' blame.  
"Of us, an' by us, an' for us"—God give us the grace to fight  
Till the whole world knows an' the nation shows by its livin' that Abe was right!

## Stuttered More in Chicago.

The late William Traverser said he stuttered more in Chicago than in some other cities, because it was a bigger place. So city men need more insurance than others; bigger rents, bigger risks, bigger hole to fill when the big production ceases. National Life Insurance Co. of Vermont. (Mutual.) S. S. Ballard, general agent, Lawrence building, Montpelier, Vt.

## Gingham Sale this Week

We are showing up many new things in our Wash Goods department. It will pay you to visit here. The following prices are for this week only.

## 10c Dress Gingham at 7 1-2c Yard

Lot 12 1-2c Gingham at, per yard..... 10c  
15c Gingham, 32 inches wide, at, per yard..... 12 1-2c  
12 1-2c Bates Gingham, at, per yard..... 11 1-2c

The above are new 1912 Gingham and this sale is for this week only..

## OUR BIG WHITE SALE

## All White Goods in the Sale

LACES—This will be a big Lace year. For exclusive designs, quality and price visit our Lace department. See the Linen Laces at 4c, 5c, 7c yard. 10c Cluney, never saw the like before, at 5c yard.

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## Extra in the Sale

## Sale of Silks

## Thursday

\$1.25 Black Silk, 36-in. wide,  
per yard, at - - - \$1.00  
36-inch Black Silk Messaline,  
per yard, at - - - 90c  
Lot Colored Silk Messaline, per  
yard, at - - - 39c

12 1-2c Cameo Cotton, per yard, 10c  
Berkeley Cambric, per yard, - 10c  
Long Cloth, per yard, 10, 12½, 15c  
25c Persian Lawn, per yard, - 15c  
Flaxons, 12½, 19, 22c up  
\$1.50 Corsets at pair, - \$1.00  
\$1.50 Waists at - - - 1.00  
\$2.00 Waists at - - - 1.25  
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## CHELSEA.

Sheriff B. H. Adams was in Washington on official business Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Abbie L. Sleeper has given her son, Milo L. Sleeper, his time during the remainder of his minority.

Fred E. Goodwin and son, Merland, spent Sunday in Washington as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Tilford.

Two or three cases of diphtheria are reported in the family of Chester A. Kezer, who lives near the Chelsea line in Corinth.

Deputy Sheriff James O. Kendall of South Strafford was in town Tuesday to commit a drunk to the county jail for twenty days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprague spent Sunday in East Brookfield as the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sprague.

Harvey W. Spear was in Barre and Montpelier on business Monday, as was O. Fay Allen in Barre City on business on the same day.

Mrs. Nettie Hines of Orange, who has been spending a few days in town, left Monday for Meredith, N. H., where she will visit relatives.

C. G. McAllister of Washington is in town for a time to assist in the household duties at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. H. Adams.

Nathan J. Hill, who is suffering with cancer of the liver, seems to be in less

pain and is much more comfortable during the past few days.

Among those from out of town who were here on business Wednesday were John M. Scribner of Corinth and Elijah D. Camp of South Randolph.

The many friends here of Madam Zerah Seaver of Washington will rejoice to learn that she is recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Ordway left Monday for Barre City to remain for a few days as the guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Parker.

Henry L. Bragg of Milford, N. H., who is seriously afflicted with rheumatism, is spending a vacation at the home of his son, Leslie A. Bragg, who resides in South Washington.

The New Chelsea Dramatic company will go to Post Mills Friday evening of this week to present the three-act farce comedy, entitled "A Legal Document, or a Husband on Salary."

Judge George L. Stow was in Washington and Williamstown last Friday to hold sessions of probate court and was in Montpelier on business Saturday, returning home at evening.

Russell Corwin, Roy M. Gokney, Milo L. Sleeper and John W. Sprague were in South Royalton Wednesday evening to attend the entertainment at Knight's opera house by the Norwich university glee club.

All members of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., who are interested in the matter of members of

the fraternity getting up a minstrel show this spring are requested to meet at the lodge rooms at 8 o'clock on Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. Oliver D. Medcalf, who suffered a paralytic shock about two months since, is making progress toward recovery. She is at this time able to sit up a few hours each day and is beginning to get the use of her limbs, which have been completely paralyzed. This news will afford her friends here, as elsewhere, unlimited pleasure.

William C. Goodwin, who has had employment with contractor W. E. Jackson on the new Aldrich block at the junction of Main, Washington and Elm streets in Barre City since early last spring, arrived in town Monday evening and is stopping at the home of his brother, Fred E. Goodwin.

The remains of Charles C. Moorecroft, who died at his home in Barre, were brought to this town for interment on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by members of his immediate family. The interment was in the cemetery near the west hill church, which is near the home of his wife, who is a daughter of the venerable George Bradshaw.

## Who Will Claim Them?

Letters unclaimed for at the Barre post-office for the week ending February 22, were as follows:

Men: John Burns, Dr. G. A. Eosh, Ray Gay, Faustino Maranon, S. M. Phelps, J. W. Sanborn, E. J. Smally, E. G. Talbot.

Women: Mrs. Harry W. Slack.

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